

Bookfolio for **Lincoln: A Photobiography**

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Recommended for: [Grades 4-6](#)

Classification: Nonfiction

Genre: [Biography](#)

Story Summary: Recognizing that Abraham Lincoln's "life story has been told and retold so many times, he has become as much a legend as a flesh-and-blood human being," Russell Freedman begins with a lively account of Lincoln's boyhood years, his career as a county lawyer, and his courtship and marriage to Mary Todd. He presents glimpses of the complex man, his friends and family. Ambitious, hard-working, and serious, Abraham Lincoln also exhibited a witty, humorous, and talkative side. Carefully chosen photographs and prints accompany Freedman's account of Lincoln's life, beginning with his early years and ending with his assassination. The author highlights Lincoln's difficult years as President during the Civil War, focusing on the issue of slavery which divided the nation. Also, included in LINCOLN: A PHOTOBIOGRAPHY is a sampling from Lincoln's speeches and correspondence, and information about historical sites related to Lincoln's life.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Chapter 4, pages 45-65.

The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:

R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing

Lincoln: A Photobiography - Independent Activities	Skills
1. The Legend and the Man (Identifying character traits)	R , W
2. Paint a Picture With Words (Writing summaries of important events)	S , W
3. (Name) : A Photo-autobiography (Writing an auto-biographical account)	W
4. Literature and History (Writing a biographical account)	R , S , W
5. Lincoln Memorials (Making a collage)	D , S , W
6. A Time Line for the War (Making a time line)	D , S , W
Lincoln: A Photobiography - Group Activities	Skills
1. Civil War Biographies (Discussing two books)	L , S
2. Two Points of View (Writing an editorial)	S , W
3. More Lincoln Biographies (Comparing biographies)	R , S
4. A Nation Divided (Making a map)	D , R , W
5. Photography Today (Writing a report)	R , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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